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#### **SUMMARY FOR 03-08-10 THROUGH 04-04-10**

This report takes us through 04-04-10 which is week 14. We continue our strategy for improving the quality of life in the BID areas. This involves enforcement, outreach to the homeless, business, residential community, tourists, and our continued commitment to coordinate our efforts with every agency, public and private, and any individual that shares our goal. To this end, we will continue to attend and host a variety of meetings which include the LAPD, City Attorney's Office, businesses, and a host of Outreach Agencies. During this period, we met with several local businesses in our area in order to address their particular security concerns.

We have noticed some trends which we have spoken about in the past. One involves radio calls for service. By this date in 2009 we handled 866. We have responded to 1121 calls so far this year. By contrast, our arrest totals have followed an opposite track. In 2009 the total arrests for this date was 383. This year to date we have made 299 arrests even as crime statistics are generally down.

Our radio call numbers continue to increase month by month. This will be a major issue for future allocation of resources. The arrest totals are less worrisome, as crime has steadily dropped in our areas. This would indicate that there are actually less criminals present for us to apprehend. As long as crime continues to drop, we welcome these lesser arrest totals.

#### **EVENTS OF INTEREST:**

On 03-11-10 our Officers were flagged down by Batman (Marty) at Hollywood and Hudson. He said that he had been punched and pushed to the ground by Darth Vader for unknown reasons. He was going to his room at the Las Palmas Hotel to rest as he was upset. He did not want to make a report or have Darth arrested.

Note that on 02-03-10, we had received a radio call of an assault in front of 6801 Hollywood Blvd. Our Officers contacted the victim (David). He was in a Darth Vader costume and was posing for pictures for tourists in return for tips.

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Darth said that he walked past the suspect and saw that he was drinking from a bottle of alcohol. He then felt a sharp pain to his back and realized that he had been kicked. He turned around and the suspect (Burrell) punched him about six times. Darth said he tried to block the blows with his plastic light saber, but the suspect broke the weapon. His headgear was knocked off. He grabbed the suspect and they both fell to the ground. The suspect then got up and walked away. We responded and arrested the 18 year old suspect.

We have found that with some of these characters, they are a victim one day and a suspect the next.

On 03-26-10, our Officers were on patrol when they saw a man pointing a blue steel handgun at the head of the clerk at Ground Works Coffee located at 1501 Cahuenga. They pulled to the curb and saw that the clerk was pointing a revolver at the man. As the Officers prepared to take some action, several people quickly approached and told them that they were merely filming for a TV show. Jimmy Kimmel then came out of the business and thanked our officers for their diligence and also for not shooting him.

On 03-30-10, we assisted PATH as they were conducting a mini homeless connect outreach day. We provided extra patrol and responded when they called for help regarding some unruly subjects.

On 03-31-10, two LAPD Officers (Gustafson/Secor) attended our briefing. They told us that they are forming a Hype Squad (targeting heroin users). This was in order to address the large amount of crime committed by these drug abusers. They gave us their cellular phone numbers and encouraged us to call if we had any information that would assist them. It was interesting that we were able to use this new contact the very next day after we arrested two suspects. For further see the arrest section.

#### **MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

- 1) 03-09-10 LAPD Crime Control Meeting.
- 2) 03-10-10 Staff Meeting
- 3) 03-11-10 H+H Retail Meeting
- 4) 03-11-10 Arclight Security Issues Meeting
- 5) 03-11-10 Joint BID Security Committee Meeting
- 6) 03-11-10 Night Club Security Meeting
- 7) 03-16-10 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 8) 03-18-10 H+H Retail Meeting
- 9) 03-24-10 PATH Homeless Census
- 10) 03-24-10 Madame Tussauds Security Issues

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- 11) 03-25-10 H+H Retail Meeting
- 12) 03-31-10 Security Meeting 6525 Sunset Blvd.
- 13) 03-31-10 LAPD Narcotics Officers in Briefing

#### **OUTREACH:**

On 03-11-10, we received a radio call of a woman down at 1650 Vine Street. Upon arrival, our Officers found Emma (07-27-91) lying in the alley just south of the location. She was in great pain and said she had just taken seven white pills. She did not know what the pills were. We called Paramedics who responded and took her to the hospital.

On 03-13-10, we received a call of a man causing a disturbance at 6922 Hollywood Blvd. Our Officers found him yelling at the sky. Passers-by told our Officers that the man had been running in the street and had almost been hit by a car. It was clear that the man had serious mental issues. Our Officers called the LAPD who responded and placed a 5150 hold. They then took the man to the hospital.

On 03-18-10 we arrested Gerald for drinking in public at 1716 Cahuenga (Sharkey's). Gerald is homeless and bi-polar. He was very hostile. Our Officers were able to establish a rapport with him during the arrest process. They talked to him about going into a shelter and getting treatment. He said he would be interested.

We called PATH and Courtney Kanagi responded to our office where she interviewed Gerald. She found a shelter for him, but determined that he would not be able to get there on his own due to his condition. She said she would send a team to pick him up in an hour or so. We let Gerald wait in our office until the PATH team arrived.

Gerald was truly moved by the kindness of our Officers. He said he could not believe that Officers Mooney and Hayes would go out of their way to help him. He even shed a couple of tears as he left for the shelter.

On 03-21-10, our officers found long time homeless woman Nancy face down on the ground outside of the Post office on Wilcox. Most of her clothes were off. Our Officers were unable to rouse her. We called Paramedics and Unit 27 responded and took her to the hospital. They believed that she was suffering from alcohol poisoning.

On 03-22-10, our early morning patrol found Mike asleep with his head on his chest. He was in a power wheelchair in front of the El Capitan Theater. He looked to be in distress. After waking him, our Officers learned that his chair had run out of power and he was forced to sleep where he stopped. Our Officers rolled Mike across the street and plugged him into an outdoor electrical outlet at the Hollywood and Highland complex with the permission of Hollywood and Highland Security Officers. These Officers also agreed to stay with Mike until his chair was charged. After a half an hour, Mike was able to get to the subway and head for home.

On 03-24-10, we received a radio call of a man trespassing at 6095 Sunset Blvd. Our officers contacted Fredrick who was sleeping in the parking lot. Our Officers attempted to establish a rapport with Fredrick. We learned that he was homeless, legally blind, and had Huntington's disease. He said he had been homeless for five years and that he receives SSI. The money does not cover his expenses and he relies on local churches for help. He has an open case with LADMH and they provide him with medication for his disease.

We called PATH and Courtney Kanagi and her team responded. They were able to locate a shelter bed for him for at least ninety days. Get Love was also contacted and

offered to help with Fredrick's vision needs. Fredrick seemed truly moved by this group effort to help him.

On 03-25-10, our officers came across an accident between a vehicle and bicyclist on Selma across from the Elementary School. We called Paramedics (Engine 227) who responded and treated the bike rider for an arm injury.

On 04-01-10, our Officers were flagged down by John Ladner at the Mark Twain Hotel located at 1622 Wilcox. He was there with Los Angeles Mental Health. They were there to do an involuntary placement on Mark. We stood by and provided security until LAPD could respond. Mark was taken to the hospital.

On 04-02-10, we contacted the Los Angeles Mental Health regarding Richard. He is a homeless man with serious mental problems. He wears numerous rings which are too tight. As a result, his fingers are very badly swollen. Case workers Amanda Dunn and Mary Louise responded. We stood by and provided security until they could get an ambulance to the scene to take Richard to the hospital.



On 04-02-10, we received a radio call of a woman refusing to leave the bathroom at 1320 N. Vine. Upon arrival we found Sarah unconscious on the floor. We were unable to rouse her and called Paramedics. RA 27 (Gillesie and Perelli) responded and took her to the hospital.

#### **ENFORCEMENT:**

In the Hollywood BID we have made a total of 231 arrests. One hundred and nine were for drinking in public, 19 for urinating in public, 21 for misdemeanor drugs, 13 for trespass, 15 for illegal vending, 4 for battery, 16 for blocking the sidewalk, 6 for theft, 2 for vandalism, 8 for miscellaneous misdemeanors, and 18 for felonies. We also made 214 homeless referrals, assisted 127 agencies, provided extra patrol to 1024 locations, assisted 1113 citizens, handled 773 radio calls for service and made 912 business contacts.

In the Sunset BID, we have made a total of 68 arrests. Forty two were for drinking in public, 9 for urinating in public, 5 for drugs, 1 for trespass, 1 for illegal vending, 1 for blocking the sidewalk, 1 for theft, 1 for vandalism, 2 for miscellaneous misdemeanors, and 5 for felonies. We also made 80 homeless referrals, assisted 54 agencies, provided extra patrol to 414 locations, assisted 780 citizens, handled 1348 radio calls for service, and made 279 business contacts.

The combined totals for both BIDS are 299 arrests. One hundred and fifty one for drinking in public, 28 for urinating in public, 26 for misdemeanor drugs, 14 for trespass, 16 for illegal vending, 4 for battery, 17 for blocking the sidewalk, 7 for theft, 3 for vandalism, 10 for miscellaneous misdemeanors and 23 for felonies. We also made a combined total of 294 homeless referrals, assisted 181 agencies, provided extra patrol to

1438 locations, assisted 1893 citizens, handled 1121 radio calls for service, and made 1191 business contacts.

#### **ARRESTS OF INTEREST:**

On 03-08-10, we arrested Tony for drinking in public at 6965 Hollywood Blvd. We then learned that he had an outstanding Felony PAL warrant.

On 03-12-10, we arrested Autry for urinating in public at 1621 Wilcox. He had initially given us the name of Jeffrey with a different date of birth. We then learned that he was a parolee and was in possession of

possibly stolen credit cards. He was booked for felony false impersonation of another. LAPD Officer Averaimo said he is investigating Coleman for a series of burglary, fraud, and identity related crimes in the area.

On 03-12-10, our Officers arrested Ferrino for drinking in public at 1665 Sycamore. We then learned that he was on active parole.

On 03-12-10 at about 1:30 P.M., our Officers were flagged down and told that a man had just exposed himself to three women in the Jacuzzi at the Bally's Gym. He then fled the scene with the manager in pursuit. Our teams started searching and found suspect John at Sunset and Vine. He tried to escape, but was surrounded by our Officers. He was arrested for indecent exposure.

On the same date and time we received a call regarding a man exposing himself in front of 6550 Yucca Street. We initially assumed that this call was related to the case listed above. We soon learned that we had two separate incidents of suspects exposing them self at the same time in different parts of the BID. Two women were accosted by suspect David as he said "Come on over here. I have something for you' as he showed them his penis. Our Officers located the suspect and placed him under arrest as well.

On 03-17-10, our Officers were conducting a business check at the CVS Pharmacy on Cahuenga. They encountered Michael who was leaving the store with six bottles of stolen alcohol concealed in his clothing. They told him to stop. He then spit in Officer Sewell's face, claiming that he had AIDS. He was tackled to the ground and suffered a split lip.

LAPD responded and placed the suspect into a patrol car. He started banging his head on the window. He was then removed from the car and tackled again, this time by LAPD Officers as he resisted them. They placed a spit shield over his head as he continued in this unsavory activity.

The suspect was booked for felony possession of stolen property and assault. We sent Officer Sewell to the hospital where they took a blood sample. He will go back in six weeks for a check-up.

Just four days later, our Officers were flagged down by the manager at the CVS Pharmacy located at 1747 Cahuenga. Suspect Michael had just stolen another three bottles of alcohol from the store. Our

Officers caught Michael down the street and he was arrested for felony theft (666PC).

On 03-19-10, we arrested Francis for stealing coins from parking meters. He was also in possession of what appeared to be a small amount of cocaine as well as drug paraphernalia. We then learned that he was on parole and had just been released from prison the previous week.

On 03-20-10, we arrested Steve for drinking in public at 6922 Hollywood Blvd. We then learned that he had an outstanding warrant for grand theft auto from Florida. They declined to extradite.

On 03-23-10, we arrested Matthew for drinking in public at 6121 Sunset Blvd. We then learned that he had just been released from the County Jail where he had served 10 days after an arrest for possession of burglary tools in Gardena. He admitted that he used the tools to break into vehicles. The suspect had an extensive criminal record and had served time in prison. We shared this information with LAPD Burglary Detectives.

On 03-23-10, we arrested David for felony weapons possession (12020 PC) at 6255 Sunset Blvd. The weapon was a martial arts weapon called a throwing star.

On 03-30-10, we arrested Jerramy at 6501 Selma (Selma Park) for urinating in public. We learned that he is on parole for murder. He claimed that he had set someone on fire that resulted in their death. He had a small switchblade knife. LAPD Officers arrived and suggested we arrest the suspect for felony weapons possession. We later learned that he was cited out as the knife was not long enough to qualify for the felony section.

During our time with Jeremy he was extremely hostile. He threatened our Officers. He also spoke about walking the streets of Compton. The next morning we heard that a man had been found on fire in Compton at about 3:00 A.M. We called the Sheriff's Department and gave them the above information in the chance that there may be a connection.

On 04-01-10, we received a call of two men sleeping on the roof of 6541 Hollywood Blvd. We arrested Dustin and Ryan for trespass. Our officers noticed that the suspects had numerous syringes and what appeared to be a small amount of tar heroin. They also had what appeared to be stolen mail.

We called out the LAPD Officers that we had met the previous day. These Officers had just started targeting heroin users that are committing a large amount of crime in our area. See Events of Interest for further details. The LAPD Officers responded and interrogated the suspects who gave up two spots where they buy heroin. The Officers told me of a planned anti-narcotics task force that they would be bringing to our area. He thanked us

for our help and assured me that they would be calling on us to assist with their upcoming operation.

#### **DEPLOYMENT:**

During this period we continued our 6:00 A.M to 8:00 P.M. coverage. Our patrol included vehicle, foot, T-3's and bicycles.

#### TRAINING UPDATE:

Our Officers received training in the areas of driving, sexual harassment, narcotics, and legal update during this training period.